

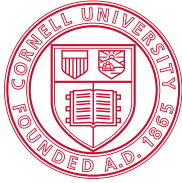
**Cornell University**  
**Student Assembly**

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Agenda of the Thursday, September 29th, 2016 Meeting

4:45pm-6:30pm in WSH Memorial Room

- I. Oath of Office**
- II. Call to Order & Roll Call**
- III. Discussion with Prof. Charlie Van Loan, Dean of Faculty**
- IV. Approval of the Meeting Minutes**
  - a. Minutes of the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting
- V. Open Microphone**
- VI. Announcements and Reports**
  - a. VP Finance Li
  - b. Rep Herz
  - c. President Berger
  - d. Rep Iglesias
- VII. Initiatives**
  - a. Tobacco Initiative- Rep Iglesias
- VIII. Business of the Day**
  - a. Resolution 10: Elimination of the Residential Life Committee
- IX. New Business**
  - a. Resolution 11: Charging an Ad-Hoc Committee with Investing Student Assembly Membership Reform
- X. Executive Session**



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S.A. Resolution #10 Elimination of the Residential Life Committee

ABSTRACT: This resolution seeks to eliminate the Residential Life Committee and move its authority to the Health and Wellness Committee.

Sponsored by: Mitch McBride '17

Whereas, the Residential Student Congress is an elected body of undergraduate students with the purpose of representing the residential concerns of students,

Whereas, the Student Assembly Residential Life Committee's legislative authority can be maintained under the SA Health and Wellness Committee,

Whereas, the SA Residential Life Committee has redundant and similar oversight as the Residential Student Congress and the issue oversight that the Residential Student Congress does not exercise invariably relates to the health and wellness of Cornell students,

Whereas, no Student Assembly powers are removed or formally transferred,

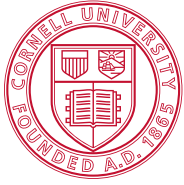
Be it therefore resolved, the SA Health and Wellness Committee will, at the discretion of the committee chair, maintain a subcommittee dedicated to residential life,

Be it further resolved, the subcommittee will be staffed in the Fall of 2016 by community members who have applied to the SA Residential Life Committee and any member, or applicant, of the SA Health and Wellness committee can join the subcommittee,

Be it further resolved, the subcommittee will be staffed in the Fall of 2016 by community members who have applied to the SA's Residential Life Committee and any member, or applicant, of the SA's Health & Wellness committee can join the subcommittee,

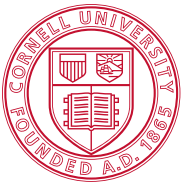
Be it further resolved, The SA Bylaws Article VI: Committees, Section 2, Subsection G be eliminated in its entirety and the appropriate naming of other subsections is still held for the rest of Article VI.

Be it further resolved, the Student Assembly review committees reserve, can, and should exercise at their discretion legislative authority over residential life policies of the University. When exercising this authority, review committees are recommended to consult the Residential Student Congress of Cornell. Be it finally resolved that the Student Assembly revisit this policy at the beginning of the next semester in discussion with the Residential Student Congress."



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44 Respectfully Submitted,  
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47 *Vice President of Internal Operations, Student Assembly*  
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50 *(Reviewed by: Executive Committee, 4-0-0, 9/13/16)*



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Originally Presented on:	(9/29/16)
Type of Action:	Investigation
Status/Result:	New Business

## S.A. Resolution #11

### Charging an Ad-Hoc Committee with Investigating Student Assembly Membership Reform

ABSTRACT: This resolution charges an ad-hoc committee with the responsibility of studying and investigating the SA's current membership and operational structure and issuing a formal set of recommendations to the SA on how to improve representation.

Sponsored by: Gabe Kaufman '18, Akhilesh Issur '17

**Whereas**, the Student Assembly desires to evaluate its internal procedures and membership structure to better represent an increasingly diverse student body; and

**Whereas**, any changes to the fundamental structure of representative institutions should be made with serious, careful, and open public deliberation; and

**Whereas**, the Student Assembly wants to encourage dialogue across all student constituencies about the structure of the SA; and

**Whereas**, the Student Assembly wants to begin the aforementioned membership and operational self-evaluation process as soon as possible; and

**Whereas**, both prior experience with the SA and a new perspective on the SA are extremely valuable in studying our representative structure; and

**Be it therefore resolved**, that an ad-hoc investigatory committee titled "The Student Assembly Investigative Committee on Membership Reform" (hereafter: SAICMR) be established effective immediately; and

**Be it further resolved**, that SAICMR will be charged with the sole responsibility of compiling a set of unbiased recommendations to be presented to the Assembly by the final SA meeting of the current session of the Assembly on how the Student Assembly can better represent students; and

**Be it further resolved**, that all SAICMR meetings will be held **at least** once every month, will be accessible and open to the public, and will have an agenda and appended documentation forwarded to all SAICMR and Assembly members at least 24 hours before the date when committee meetings are held; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the nine members of SAICMR will be representative of the whole Assembly, will be undergraduate students, and will be defined as follows:

SAICMR Chair: SA Vice President for Internal Operations

SAICMR Members:

- one voting member of the Assembly (other than the Vice President for Internal Operations) necessarily belonging to the Executive Committee

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- one candidate who ran in the Fall or Spring 2016 Student Assembly Elections but was not seated as a member of the Student Assembly
  - one former voting member of the Assembly who is no longer a member of the Assembly
  - one undergraduate student who has never run in an election or applied to a committee of the Student Assembly
  - two voting members of the Assembly who were elected in the Fall 2016 Student Assembly Elections
  - two voting members of the Assembly not belonging to the Executive Committee

57 **Be it finally resolved**, that the Assembly will appoint the SAICMR members as soon as possible, with  
58 all SA members being eligible to make nominations from the floor.

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60 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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62 Gabe Kaufman '18

63 *Ex-Officio Member, Student Assembly*

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65 Akhilesh Issur '17

66 *International Student Liaison At-Large, Student Assembly*

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68 *(Reviewed by: SA Signature Petition, Date: valid upon the receipt of the signatures of a majority of SA members)*